

LARAMIE RIVER BRIDGE
10.1 mi. W. of Wheatland
County road No. 204
Platte County
Wyoming

WYOMING HISTORIC TROSS BRIDGE SURVEY

HAER NO. WY-⁸⁰1700

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Location: Spanning the east channel of the Laramie River, on
County Road No. 204; 10.1 miles west of Wheatland, in
Platte County, Wyoming

UTM: 13.487795.4654540
Quad: Hightower Southeast

Date of Construction: 1913

Builder/Designer: Pueblo Bridge Company of Pueblo, Colorado

Present Owner: Platte County
P. O. Box 728
Wheatland, Wyoming 82201

Present Use: Vehicular Bridge

Significance: The Laramie River Bridge is an excellent early example
of a pin connected, five panel Pratt Pony truss, a
relatively common truss configuration in Wyoming.

Historians: Clayton B. Fraser and Richard G. Ewig
November 1981

~~NOTE: For more general information, see Wyoming Truss Bridges Survey,
HAER No. WY-17.~~

I. HISTORY

The Platte County Commissioners awarded a contract to the Pueblo Bridge Company of Pueblo, Colorado, for the construction of the Laramie River Bridge and another bridge to Pueblo. The bridge company was the lowest bidder among five, with a price of \$3,640 (\$2,200 for the Laramie River Bridge).¹ The bridge was erected in September 1913.

II. DESCRIPTION

The Laramie River Bridge is a single span, steel pin connected five panel Pratt Pony truss, 71 feet, 2 inches long, with a 15-foot, 8-inch roadway.

It is supported on timber pile, cap and cribbing abutments and has timber stringers and decking. Top chords are twin channels with cover plate and batten plates; bottom chords are two eyebars; verticals are four angles with lacing; and diagonals are two eyebars.²

¹ Platte County Commissioners' Minutes, September 5, 1913.

² Historical Bridge Survey and Inventory Form. Wyoming State Highway Department.